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March 28, 1941.

Mrs. Effie Manley
55 Somerset St.
Newark, N. J.

Victories Scored

-- over --

Chicago Mills
House of Davids
St. Louis Stars
Cleveland Bears
Havana Cuban Stars
Cincinnati Buckeyes
Kansas City Monarchs
Billings (Mont.) B. B. C.
Indianapolis Crawfords
Kewanee (Ill.) Parkers
Victoria (B. C.) Canada
Hamilton (Ont.) Canada
Lincoln (Neb.) Links
Pueblo (Colo.) Peppers
Chicago American Giants
Davenport (Ia.) Maroons
Atlanta (Ga.) All Stars
Cheyenne (Wyo.) Indians
East Orange (N. J.) A. A.
Tampa (Fla.) Pepsi Colas
Lead-Deadwood (S.D.) "9"
Brooklyn (N. Y.) Bushwicks
Holland (Mich.) Dutchmen
Springfield (N. Y.) Greys
Satchel Paige All Stars
Mankato (Minn.) Beverages
St. Louis (Mo.) Falstaffs
Pittsburgh Homestead Grays
Walla Walla (Wash.) Jaycees
Golden (Colo.) Coors Brewers
Brooklyn (N. Y.) Royal Giants
E. St. Louis (Ill.) Blue Jays
Appleton (Wis.) Papermakers
Charlotte (N. C.) Black Hornets
and over 100 others

Dear Mrs. Manley:

I'm addressing this to you, as you'll recall meeting me at the Woodside last season and don't believe I looked as bad as those fellows out in Chicago, or even my friend, Fay Young, painted me.

Just spoke to Brady Johnson, who called from Schenectady, and whom I am trying to help, stating Abe had some dates available to barnstorm with the N. Y. Mohawks after the 20th of April, I believe, and if you will give me your itinerary around this period and the open dates you have, if its within jumping distance of where the Mohawks will be at the time, its quite possible I could work out something for you, however would expect the usual booking fee allowed for such services.

I thoroughly understand you cannot do business with the Clowns...possibly they may stop you from doing any business with me because I don't part my hair in the middle. But seriously speaking, at the time the ruling was passed at Chicago, I did not have a single player signed belonging to either league and why they ever siggled me out and let Posey put through such a ruling is beyond me...unless it was for past sins...which nowadays everyone has a habit of overlooking as none of us are sinless. Mr. Young adds a new wrinkle to the ruling saying we were also banned for calling ourselves champs. I presume if we called ourselves chumps it would be okay. You'll recall last fall Posey tried to have the press ban us for calling ourselves the Ethiopian Clowns. It all sounds so silly, especially coming from people that are supposed to be highly intelligent.

Suppose I could go on and on with the issues in question, I wrote both presidents without the courtesy of a reply, so matters must stand as is...but as you probably know there'll always be the Ethiopian Clowns, outstanding negro baseball attraction in the nation today...we've been banned before and will be banned again...and what the league clubs lose by not playing us someone else will gain by...with best wishes, signing off...

★ "THE LOCALS MIGHT JUST AS WELL HAVE BEEN FACING THE N.Y. YANKEES" . . . Hamilton (Ont.) Gazette ★

Sincerely yours, *Syd Pollock*